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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Altenburg 25X1A

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

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REFERENCES 25X1A

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REMARKS Documents forwarded to Washington

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1. On 21 November 1951, the barracks installation on the east side of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg (N 51/K 27), quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops organized into groups and platoons, 25X1C were seen drilling, 25X1C

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2. On 21 November, the barracks installation on the west side of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Barracks buildings and garages were occupied to capacity and lighted in the evening. About 20 trucks, including 25X1C 25X1C, and 3 tractors, each towing a 152-mm model 37 gun howitzer were observed.

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3. On 8 November, the barracks installation on the east side of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg, quartered about 850 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Sixteen 100-mm AT guns, coupled to trucks were seen in the billeting area. More artillery pieces were in a large motor vehicle shed. The troops from the installation were seen engaged in rifle drill and physical exercise. Motor vehicles

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4. On 11 November, the barracks installation on the west side of Leipziger Strasse was occupied to capacity by 700 to 750 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Troops were practicing with five heavy AT guns. About 20 trucks 25X1C 25X1C were parked in front of the garages. Many

uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, were seen at Altenburg between 8 and 11 November.

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5. On 8 November, the barracks installation on the east side of Leipziger Strasse was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Numerous artillery pieces, including 10 x 76-mm ZIS-3 field cannons, were in the sheds.

6. On 8 November, the barracks installation on the west side of Leipziger Strasse was occupied to capacity. About 25 trucks were seen parked between the garages and about 24 x 76-mm artillery pieces were in the garages. Troops were engaged in field training and firing practice at group level. *

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7. Documents found in the damaged museum north of the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse, on 8 November, included:

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Soldier of Unit [REDACTED], dated 1 March
[REDACTED] soldier of Unit [REDACTED] Kirovabad,

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[REDACTED] soldier of Unit [REDACTED] postmarked
24 April 1951, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] and mailed
from Klin, Moscow Oblast.

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c. An envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] postmarked
4 September 1951, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] and
mailed from Novosibirsk.

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d. A letter addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] dated 9 October
1951, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] and mailed from
Kingizepp, Leningrad Oblast.

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e. A fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED]
postmarked 16 September 1951 and examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED]

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f. A letter addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] dated 30 July
1951, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] written by a
soldier of Unit [REDACTED] in Lesogorsk, Leningrad Oblast.

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g. An unmailed envelope bearing an address in the U.S.S.R. and written
by a soldier of Unit [REDACTED]

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h. A letter, dated 20 September 1951, written by a soldier who stated
"my new address is Unit [REDACTED] in Manilisi, Georgian S.S.R.
It is a beautiful country, better than at home in Dzaudzhikau. We
are stationed in a fir woods near Tiflis."

i. An envelope addressed to a soldier, postmarked 29 March 1950, examined
by Censorship Office [REDACTED], and mailed in Ivanovo.

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j. An envelope addressed to a soldier, postmarked 17 August 1950,
examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED], and mailed in Ufa, Bashkir
A.S.S.R.

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k. A fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier, postmarked 23 August
1951, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED], and mailed from
Uzhgorod, Transcarpathian Oblast.

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l. An envelope addressed to a soldier, postmarked 4 October 1951,
examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED], and mailed from Leningrad.

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m. Fragments of three envelopes, postmarked 2 August 1951, examined by
Censorship Office [REDACTED] postmarked 15 April 1951, examined
by Censorship Office [REDACTED], postmarked 7 August 1951, examined
by Censorship Office [REDACTED], and mailed from Leningrad.

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n. A fragment of a letter, dated 18 October 1950, examined by Censorship
Office [REDACTED], and mailed from Kalinin.

o. A letter by a soldier, written by his friend from the U.S.S.R. who
stated "I am working as a lumber merchant in our district since May
1950 and have a salary of 1,500 rubles per month. I have seen your
brothers who were on furlough. They are well off and wear suits and
laced boots. I am the owner of a good, new motorcycle, type IZh No 350,
I bought it for 3,800 rubles. The potato crop this year is excellent."

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25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The vehicle numbers and the strength estimate again confirm the 43d (Gds) Army Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army and 38th (?) AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, which are carried in the 25X1A two barracks installations on Leipziger Strasse. See [REDACTED]

✓ 25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] belongs to an unidentified unit in Manilisi, Transcaucasus MD. [REDACTED] belongs to an unidentified unit in Leso-

25X1C gorsk, Leningrad MD. [REDACTED] belongs to an unidentified unit in Kiro-

25X1C vabad, Transcaucasus MD. [REDACTED] was on three documents found in Altenburg between 1948 and November 1951. [REDACTED] confirms the 43d 25X1C (Gds) Army Arty Brig in Altenburg until 9 October 1951. (For original documents, see annex.)

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